

Docket No. 06-181

Pam Gregory

From: Jay Keithley
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2006 8:53 AM
To: Pam Gregory
Subject: FW: the right to Access Television Captioning

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Another undue burden

**Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary**

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-----Original Message-----

From: Adele Stuart [mailto:aks1973@adelphia.net]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2006 8:38 PM
To: FCCINFO; Kevin Martin; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell
Cc: Monica Desai; Jay Keithley; Tom.Chandler@fcc.gov; Cheryl King; info@tdi-online.org
Subject: the right to Access Television Captioning

September 22, 2006

Kevin J. Martin, Chairman
Michael J. Copps, Commissioner
Jonathan S. Adelstein, Commissioner
Deborah Taylor Tate, Commissioner
Robert M. McDowell, Commissioner

Dear Commissioners,

This is to let you know that I fully support the action alerts from TDI and other national organizations to oppose the decisions taken by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on September 12, 2006. We respectfully ask that the FCC reverse its September 12, 2006 decisions regarding television captioning waivers.

Churches make up a very important part of every community. It is within their mission to support the basic needs of all people within their reach. When Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast one year ago, they were among the first to offer help with shelter, food, and other assistance to the survivors. Captioning TV programs does meet a legitimate basic need for access to information just like building a ramp to the church door. By providing captions to meet the needs of a significant population group, the churches will find themselves with an expanded TV viewership, which will lead to an increase in their membership and other support from the community. When children and adults are able to read captions on spiritual programs, they are influenced to live up to high moral standards and contribute their part to the community. Hearing loss is the number one growing disability among senior citizens – they will find themselves depending on captioning to listen to the message.

We want to participate fully in all programs and services at our local church because it serves as a vital resource that empowers us to be fully integrated in the community. If one of us who are deaf or hard of hearing sees the services with captions on TV, we can interact with other church members, neighbors, fellow employees, family members, and service professionals in the local community. We stand to benefit from the "local connection" that national religious programs are unable to provide.

We know that all video programmers have had ten years to prepare for the captioning regulations now in place, and temporary waivers when appropriate. When you give full permanent exemptions to the two programmers, it reverses all the access we have worked on for years. We ask that programmers consider other possible revenue options such as sponsorships, long-term captioning service agreements, and aftermarket sales (videotapes or DVDs) to cover and minimize the cost of captioning. Or, they can reduce other expenses in their production budgets to enable the provision of captioning.

Closed captioning gives me a) access to news that is indispensable to the community, b) entertainment that is an integral part of our lives, and c) education that paves the way for us to become self-sufficient in society. The information that everyone in the community receives is also important to me and I can only get it if it is captioned.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Adele K Stuart

Kenneth L. Hill

Docket No. 06-181

From: Alfred Sonnenstrahl [sonny@pobox.com]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2006 2:02 AM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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Office of the Secretary

September 22, 2006

FCC Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau Monica Desai

Dear Monica Desai,

I protest the FCC's discriminatory decision by allowing almost 300 requests to reject people with hearing disabilities from being involved in the American community.

The FCC weakened the closed captioning rules while enhancing audios with unlimited expenses, and appeared to have created new standards and new rules for permitting programs to be televised without closed captions. The FCC is violating the federal laws.

Closed captioning is an essential part of any televised program. Closed captioning is an essential tool for people with hearing disabilities in education, entertainment, employment, and religion, to name a few. Captioning is extremely inexpensive, compared to the costs being spent for audio such as speakers, microphones, sound equipment and sound personnel, to name a few.

Please help the FCC to comply with the federal laws by reconsidering and reversing these absurd, insulting, degrading and discriminatory FCC decisions.

Sincerely,

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From: Al Sonnenstrahl [sonny@pobox.com]
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2006 3:15 PM
To: Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein
Cc: Monica Desai
Subject: Exemptions for Closed Captions

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Dear Commissioners:

Needless to say, I am extremely dismayed with your Orders awarding closed captioning captioning exemptions.

Your Orders indicate that we, including my young grandchildren with hearing disabilities, will have limited "eye-oriented" access to more-demanding and ever-growing information. With such limitation, it would mean that people with hearing disabilities will need to find alternatives, if any, to be kept abreast with hearing hearing peers who will continue to enjoy easily achievable "ear-oriented" access to information.

Also, your Orders appear to be inconsistent with the ADA for several reasons.

One, ADA forbids discrimination. The Orders indicate that hearing people, including including the church, can reject people with hearing disabilities by discontinuing closed captions while continuing audio services.

Two, the Orders permit hearing programmers to hide their "ear-oriented" access costs costs while exposing "eye-oriented" access costs which, by itself, is discriminatory.

It is strongly recommended that you reconsider your decision and, by being non-discriminatory and consistent, request all programmers to list all of their "ear-oriented" access expenses as well as "eye-oriented" access expenses for your review. "Eye-oriented" access expenses should include speakers, microphones, audio equipment, and sound personnel, to name a few.

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Kenneth L. Hill

From: Ricky [rickys79@comcast.net]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2006 2:24 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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Federal Communications Commission
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Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

I protest the FCC approval of almost 300 requests for new programs to be shown without closed captions.

The FCC weakened the closed captioning rules, and appears to have created new standards and new rules for permitting programs to be televised without closed captions. I believe the FCC violated the closed captioning rules.

People who are deaf or hard of hearing want access to televised information and entertainment, just like everyone else.

Closed captioning is an essential part of any televised program. Captioning is not too difficult or too expensive.

I cannot watch television programs that are not captioned.

With new rules, FCC throws deaf or hard of hearing people back to Stone Age of Information. Why not you plug your ears shut and be 'deaf' for a week?

Please reconsider these FCC decisions and support closed captioning.

Ricky Schoenberg
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From: Anne [mama1811@verizon.net]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2006 9:20 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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In Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Dear FCC Chairman, I protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations. We are outraged and believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" can now use. Please reconsider immediately! We need our closed captioning!

Email: Mama1811@verizon.net

Name and Address below:

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Docket No. 06-181

From: carroll salomon [carrolls@videotron.ca]
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2006 6:21 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Dear Ms. DeSai,

I protest the recent orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. These orders seem to create a loophole through which almost any entity can be exempt from the captioning regulations simply by claiming that captioning costs too much.

I rely on captioning to keep myself a responsible and informed citizen. I work hard to maintain my independence and productivity as a hearing-impaired person, and I do not consider myself disabled. Legislation such as this could put me back in the dark ages of being "disabled".

I believe that you have an important choice to make: You can pull the rug out from under the hearing-impaired, and then pay the costs of supporting the growing numbers of hearing-impaired persons. Or you can provide the systems that "enable" the hearing-impaired.

I beg you to reconsider this.

Sincerely,

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From: Eileen [eseremeth@msn.com]

Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2006 5:53 PM

To: Monica Desai

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In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

Dear Ms. DeSai,

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

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Please reconsider immediately! We need our closed captioning!

Eileen Seremeth
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From: Eileen [eseremeth@msn.com]

Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2006 5:52 PM

To: Monica Desai

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Please reconsider immediately! We need our closed captioning!

**Bob Seremeth
2114 Harwood Rd
District Heights, MD 20747**

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From: Mseitchik@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2006 3:32 PM
To: Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai
Subject: (no subject)

Dear FCC Chairman, I protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB.

These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations. We are outraged and believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" can now use. Please reconsider immediately! We need our closed captioning!

I wish to further add a note of thought.. how would you feel if your TV do not provide sounds for you to understand what you are watching the programs? It is downright unthinkable and un-American to take away our basic rights for equal access to communication. You can easily find money via raising fees on other services that FCC provides in order to offset the costs of Closed Captioned programs. The CC programs has been very beneficial for many people not just for the Deaf or Hard-of-Hearing as I am sure you are keenly aware of the merits.

Please do not take away our rights to 'hear' the programs like you and 300 million Americans enjoyed. There are 28 millions of us need this Closed Captioning programs. The demand for closed captioned will increase as the American population ages.

Please keep me post of any developments on the ruling.

Murray W Seitchik MD
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From: Doug Stringham [dstringham@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2006 11:42 AM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: Re: Closed Captioning Ruling 13 Sept 2006 DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

Ms. DeSal,

I am emailing to strongly protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations. Members and family members of the Deaf community and those who support and ally with them are outraged and believe the FCC has, once again, created a political loophole that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" can now use.

Please reconsider this ruling immediately; if we value the equal dissemination of information in this country, then peoples of all stripes, including those who do not hear, are entitled to that blessing.

Regards,

*Doug Stringham
Instructor, American Sign Language and Deaf Studies
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Docket No. 06-141

From: Myrkytop@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2006 9:38 AM
To: Kevin Martin; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell
Cc: Monica Desai; NVRCheryl@aol.com
Subject: Exemptions on closed captioning

Dear Chairman Martin and Commissioners:

I am filing a complaint concerning the large number of exemptions given to TV stations concerning closed captioning. In the Charleston, SC area, we have only one live news and weather station and bless them for thinking of the many deaf and hard of hearing people living here by using closed captioning. The other three local stations run script which was authorized by the FCC, your so-called exemption, which doesn't even match with what is being said. When it doesn't match, which is pretty often, they just stop running the script. During several hurricane watches, there was no warning at all. Before you give out anymore of these exemptions, you should think of the lives of people who cannot hear, like myself, and not have access to programs and news casts, which is necessary in everyday living. I am asking the FCC to reconsider and withdraw these exemptions and make broadcasting available and assessable to ALL the people by requiring the use of closed captioning. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

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From: Bobbie Els [bobbieels@centurytel.net]**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2006 8:54 PM**To:** Monica Desai**Subject:** Closed Captioning

Dear FCC Chairman, I protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations. We are outraged and believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" can now use. Please reconsider immediately! We need our closed captioning!

Bobbie Schneider
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From: MARK SINCLAIR [sinfam@verizon.net]
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2006 8:28 PM
To: Kevin Martin; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai
Cc: Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps
Subject: DA 06-1802 and others: TV CC FCC regulation changes

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RE: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Dear FCC Chairman,

I protest the recent orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. These orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations. We are outraged and believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" can now use. Please reconsider immediately! We need our closed captioning!

Laura Sinclair
18 Pleasant View Dr.
Exeter, NH 03833

PS. I know many elderly as well as the HOH (like myself) and the deaf who are not connected enough to know about these changes, but rely on the closed captioning daily!

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From: mwsunospam@mac.com

Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2006 11:24 AM

To: Monica Desai

Subject: We need our closed captioning!

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**Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary**

Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

Dear FCC Chairman:

I protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations. I am outraged and believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" can now use. Please reconsider immediately! We need our closed captioning!

Sincerely,
Michael Su
Jersey City, NJ

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FILED/ACCEPTED**From:** ritasc5 [ritasc5@bright.net]**Sent:** Tuesday, September 19, 2006 6:03 PM**To:** Monica Desai**Subject:** RE Closed Captioning

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Office of the Secretary

Just another place the government is cutting corners to the disabled because it costs too much to pay for captioning programs. Well, when YOU can't hear, maybe then you will understand what this is all about. Or maybe a loved one can't hear or can't hear well. This is an outrage ! No one cares because it is not their problem, well, someday, it may be.

R. Sotu
Fairview Park, Ohio

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From: Louis J Schwarz [louis@schwarz-financial.com]Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2006 9:27 AM**To:** Kevin Martin; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell**Cc:** Monica Desai**Subject:** Protest against FCC's Action to exempt Requestors from providing Closed Captions

Dear Chairman and Commissioners

With unbelievable actions your commission made for those requestors who wanted to be exempted from providing closed captions, this made a big, big, big emotional blow to my face.

Suppose if you are deaf and cannot hear, you want to know what each program says – however cannot do because of this recent FCC's action, you will feel like a second class citizen with no challenging ability to read!!!

Please reconsider your action and please comply with the FCC regulations ten years ago to require all TV programs provide accessible communication access, i.e., captions for those who cannot hear.

Please help us, the innocent deaf people, enjoy viewing TV programs. Please do not forget yourself when you may lose your hearing due to your aging!!!

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From: paul [Paul.Silverman@verizon.net]

Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2006 11:48 AM

To: Kevin Martin

Cc: Deborah Tate; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai; Robert McDowell

Subject: Please Revoke CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC0007

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Dear Chairman Martin:

In re DA 06-1802, the recent orders cited above granting exemptions from closed captioning create loopholes which are incompatible with the spirit and perhaps also the law established by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Hearing loss is an increasing health problem already affecting millions of Americans. In my own case, my hearing disability was a critical factor in my premature retirement as a licensed psychologist and psychotherapist. Today I rely exclusively on closed captions for comprehending the audio portion of television news and entertainment which are essential to staying informed and in touch with mainstream culture.

Please rescind Orders CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007.

Thank you,

Paul Silverman, Ph.D.
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Rockville, MD 20853

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From: Ruth Sandefur [rsandefur@earthlink.net]

Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2006 2:58 AM

To: Monica Desai

Subject: In Re DA-1802. CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Dear CGB Chief Monica DeSai

I protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB.

These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations. I am outraged and believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying, "it costs too much," can now use. Please reconsider immediately!! As a Deaf citizen, I can assure you that we need "closed captioning!" If these requests are granted, members of the Deaf community, as well as myself, won't be, foremost, informed citizens.

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From: Schenk, Abraham ITCS NAVAIR [abraham.schenk@navy.mil]**Sent:** Friday, September 15, 2006 10:15 PM

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To: Kevin Martin; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowellFederal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary**Cc:** Monica Desai**Subject:** Captioning Exemptions

Dear Chairman and Commissioners,

I can't even begin to understand how this can be happening 10 years after the captioning rules were put in place. I also work for the government - in Naval Air Systems Acquisition and Procurement - in program management, we have numerous, extremely difficult regulations that must be adhered to in our developments; such as handicap accessibility, environmental protections, etc. We abide by them all unless we need a waiver due to national security or mission essentiality - I can't for the life of me understand why a programmer would need a waiver for captioning unless it had to do with money at the expense of the education and well-being of those who can't hear!

I am an active duty member of the Armed Forces and my daughter is Deaf. I am steadily deployed and I was not raised knowing sign language - so I've already put enough of a burden on my daughter's education and well-being without these "exemptions" making it harder for her to learn and grow as other children her age do. To be honest, I never really cared about captioning before I had my daughter and she thrust me into a world of silence, lack of communication, misunderstanding and very little support and education. Now that I understand her world a little better and how much things like this set them (the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community) back (sociologically and educationally against their peers), and can't begin to tell you how important captioning is to me as a parent and to her, as an 11 yr old girl just trying to learn and understand the things we were born with.

Please do something about this.

Very Respectfully,

Abraham A. Schenk

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From: Monica Desai
Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2006 10:08 AM
To: Pam Gregory
Subject: FW: Closed captioning

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From: Nan and Sandy Sanders [mailto:esanders@erols.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2006 8:46 PM
To: Monica Desai; Kevin Martin; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell
Subject: Closed captioning

Dear Chairman and Commissioners

It has been ten years now since the closed captioning rules were put in place. That is plenty of time for programmers to find funding and get set up to caption their programs. The decision sets a very bad precedent. A) It is counter to the regulations at 47 CFR Part 79.1(d) that allow for certain exemptions; and (b) it is de facto rulemaking without notice. They are creating new regulations without a process. This FCC interpretation could have far reaching effects that go well beyond religious programming. The entities who asked for waivers are given consideration while those of use who will be affected are not.

If a similar ruling applied to the audio part of a TV show, the general public would be totally outraged! Closed captioned is used not only by people with hearing problems, but also in public areas where it is noisy, people learning English and other clients benefit from the captions.

We have the technology for creating the captions. If they can find funding for the shows, they can find funding to make their efforts accessible to the public. I guess the FCC and the broadcasters want to exclude 10 million + viewers from enjoying their shows ...

Nancy P. Sanders
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From: Kym S [kymouse88@yahoo.com]**Sent:** Saturday, September 16, 2006 6:18 PM**To:** Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai**Subject:** Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

Dear FCC Chairman,

I protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations. We are outraged and believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" can now use. Please reconsider immediately! We need our closed captioning!

Kimberly Shepard
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>< God Bless - Kim

All-new Yahoo! Mail - Fire up a more powerful email and get things done faster.

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From: SugrLime [sugrshak@duo-county.com]
Sent: Saturday, September 16, 2006 6:18 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007
Importance: High

I protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations. I am outraged and believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" can now use. Please reconsider immediately! I need the closed captioning! It already is unfair that programming entities only have to caption X number of shows annually.

Nancye G. South
475 Maple St. Apt. 15
Russell Springs, KY 42642

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From: Jacques Shakarian [jshakarian@comcast.net]
Sent: Sunday, September 17, 2006 4:42 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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Please reconsider immediately! We need our closed captioning!

Jacques Shakarian
1850 Whitley Avenue, # 719
Hollywood, CA 90028

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From: Jill Svoboda [dynamic8@msn.com]
Sent: Sunday, September 17, 2006 5:51 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: Closed Captioning

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"In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

Dear FCC Chairman,

I disagree with the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis in violation with the current regulations. I am especially concerned that the FCC has created a loophole that will allow almost any entity an exemption claiming excessive cost, whether it is true or not.

I feel that an exemption should be available ONLY to non-profit agencies and only when the show/film would NOT provide critical information to the safety and/or improved lifestyle (including entertainment) of any individual, especially the hearing impaired.

I would appreciate your immediate reconsideration in this regard. The hearing impaired need equal access to the media, including entertainment and information about products and services that can enhance their lifestyle.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jill L. Svoboda
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Claremont, CA 91711

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Docket No. 06-181

From: dwseely@wbcable.net

Sent: Saturday, September 16, 2006 12:25 AM

To: Kevin Martin; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Monica Desai

Subject: FCC Decision on captioning

I am extremely disappointed at the recent actions taken by the FCC. I have just learned that the FCC has made a decision to grant a large number of captioning exemptions. It seems that this decision favors many large and small companies and ignores the needs of people with disabilities. This decision should be reversed immediately.

It has been ten years now since the closed captioning rules were put in place. Programmers should have had plenty of time to find funding and get set up to caption their programs. The decision sets a very bad precedent. A) It is counter to the regulations at 47 CFR Part 79.1(d) that allow for certain exemptions; and (b) it is de facto rulemaking without notice. You are creating new regulations without a process. This FCC interpretation could have far reaching effects that go well beyond religious programming. The entities who asked for waivers are given consideration while those of use who will be affected are not.

I sincerely hope that you will give consideration of the needs of the millions of people who depend on captioning to understand what is presented on television.

D. Wayne Seely

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